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# The Observer

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For the students

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Mary Park/The Observer

## Club 301 introduces new safety measures

**Will Ortnier**

*Staff Reporter*

Under new nighttime management, Club 301 has made changes to make the bar a safer and more appealing place for CWU students to go to on weekends. Son of the owner, Ryan Kellogg, recently took over as the nighttime manager and immediately made some changes to aspects of the bar that had gotten a bad rap in the past.

Kellogg quickly got to work on changing this image with a new re-vamped staff.

Kellogg hired a mostly new crew of bartenders who all have ties to CWU. Kellogg believes that this will help build a connection with the college and make the bar seem friendlier to students when they are out on Saturday nights looking for fun.

Club 301 also added an extra bouncer in the outside area where there used to only be cameras. Kellogg hopes that by adding an extra pair of eyes in the back, people will be deterred from acting out and keep a friendly, safe environment at the bar.

The main focus Kellogg had when he took over the job was to make sure that the bar was a safe place for women.

"We did enact some new rules to make sure that females do feel comfortable. I've heard that that's beginning to be a bigger and bigger issue," Kellogg said. "Having that kind of reputation really hurt me, and that was one of the major things I wanted to turn around right off the bat."

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## RETURN OF THE ZOMBIE BABIES

**Jackson McMurray**

*Staff Reporter*

On Oct. 25, Randall Hall 133 was filled with severed limbs, blood, and most importantly, dozens of baby dolls.

Zombie Babies is a yearly event put on by the CWU Department of Art and Design every October. It's a free event open to all students where the resources of the Randall Hall art studio are opened up for students to create zombie babies. This was the event's fifth year, and posters around campus proclaimed it "Zombie Babies 5."

At the door, a long table with dozens of second-hand baby dolls scoured from all of central Washington's thrift stores greeted the participants. Some of the dolls were cloth, some plastic,

some of them Disney princesses and some generic blank canvases ready to be bent to a student's twisted will.

Zombie Babies 1, in 2015, was the result of a split-second decision made by David Bieloh, associate professor of graphic design at CWU, while at Fred Meyer. The art department previously hosted an annual pumpkin carving event which was, to hear Bieloh tell it, messy, temporary and just generally more trouble than it was worth.

"I was ... looking at pumpkin prices thinking 'here we go again' ..." Bieloh said. "And I just looked over at the Goodwill and thought 'huh.' You know, I had been watching 'The Walking Dead.' I thought, 'Why don't we see if we can make some zombie babies?'"

His timing was perfect, because

when he walked in, he found that the store had just received a large donation of dolls that were still being unpacked. He walked out of the store with about 35 dolls and a spooky twinkle in his eye.

According to Bieloh, finding the dolls for the event is the hardest part. Dolls come from thrift stores in Ellensburg, Yakima and as far away as the Tri-Cities some years, but many are also donated by students.

"We have gotten some American Girl collector's items," Bieloh said. "And we don't realize until after someone's turned it into a zombie that it might have been worth \$150."

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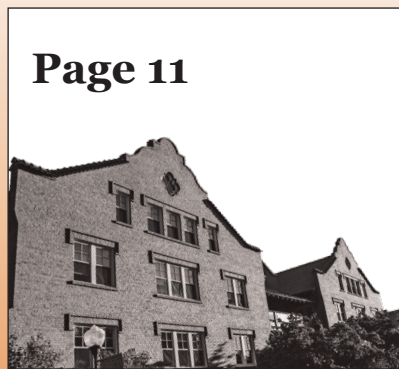
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Editor: Nicholas Tucker

# Highs and lows of the CWU party scene

Amy Morris

Staff Reporter

With Halloween comes an increase in party activity on and off campus. While students want to have fun, the importance of health and safety also comes into play. CWU might not be the biggest party school, but parties still occur.

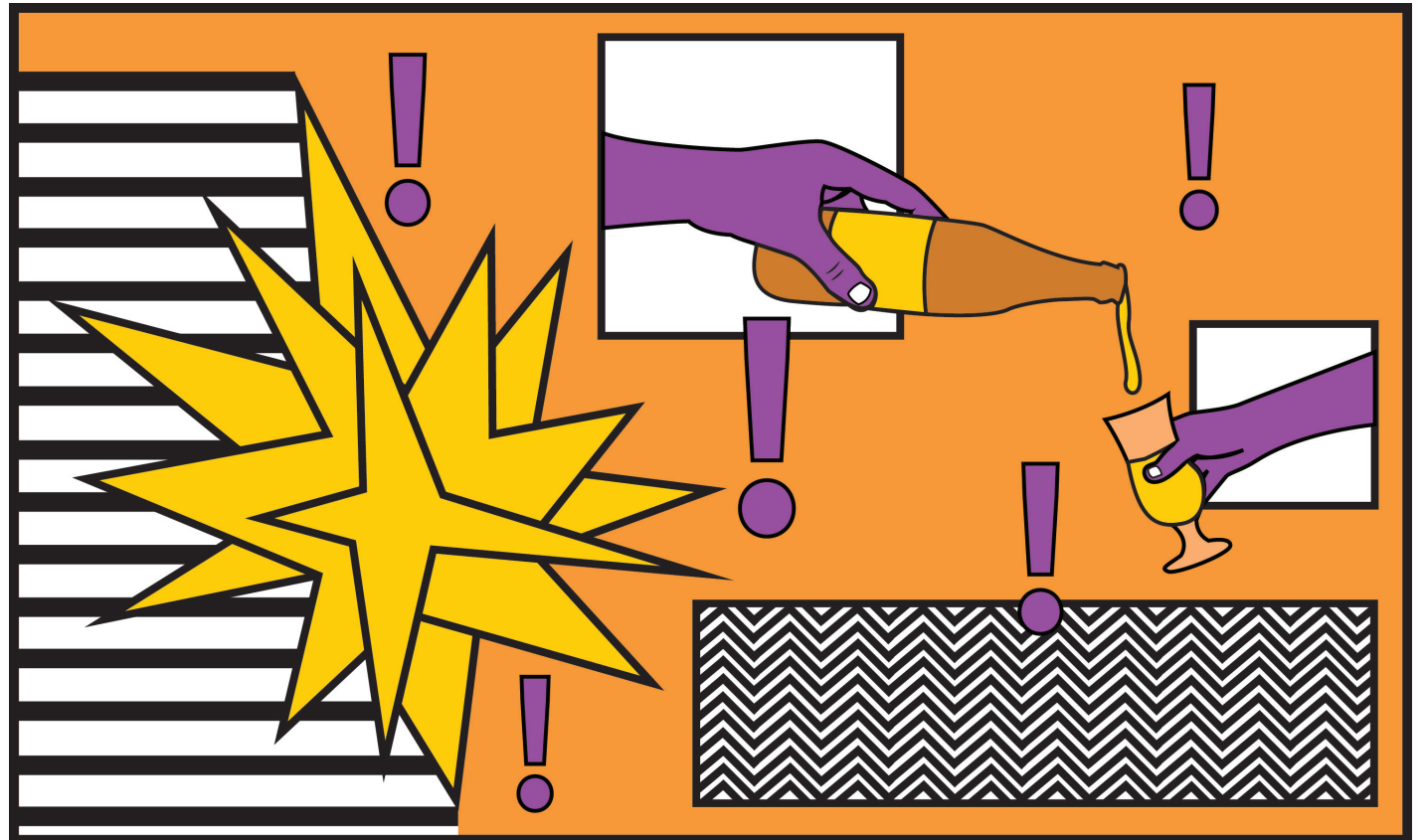
Niche, an online data site, gives CWU a B- for the party scene. Based on 35 responses to a poll, asking what the biggest party event of the year was, 43% of people said Halloween. Based on 71 responses to a poll asking what the party scene on campus was like, 28% of people said there was none.

Sgt. Jeffrey St. John, from CWU Police Department, said that there is not much of a party scene on campus. The police department rarely has to respond to noise complaints, according to St. John.

If there is a noise complaint, the police have to witness the noise and what time it comes on. After that the police contact the party and try to resolve the issue. Fines for noise violations are rarely given on campus, but they will be enforced if the issue is not resolved. In the residence halls, if a student is too loud after 10 p.m., a fine of \$250 to \$1000 can be given.

Noise complaints are not the only way police get notified of a party going on, according to St. John. Sometimes a police officer will see a gathering of people which alerts them that a party is most likely going on. Parties on campus do not just happen on weekends, but during the week as well, according to St. John.

Dalijah Boldien, a freshman majoring in biology, thinks some parties at CWU are fun but some are boring. Half of the time there are too many people and they are crowded. She has gotten noise complaints before, but said there are not many parties on campus, just



Graphic by Teagan Kimbro

off campus.

Boldien goes to parties every once in a while, but not many of them get shut down. She likes going to parties to hang-out with friends, dance and have a fun time. She is excited to attend Halloween parties and dress up in costumes.

“Know your limits and if you go with a friend group stay with them,” Boldien said. “Have a plan of what you are going to do after.”

St. John said the north end of Ellensburg usually has the most parties going on. Extra Ellensburg Police patrols are on the lookout for parties on Halloween, according to St. John. His advice for college students who want to party is to be responsible. If you are not 21, do not drink. Just stay home

and study.

Faith Pina, a freshman majoring in elementary education, does not consider CWU a party school. She thinks CWU is very laid back and chill.

“You have to know people to go to parties,” said Pina.

Pina has gotten a noise complaint before, but said the residence halls are not very noisy. The only Halloween party she plans on attending is for the CWU Dance Team. She would like to attend more parties in the future, but she wants to be smart about it.

“Definitely control what you are taking, have a plan with your friends and don’t do drugs,” Pina said.

When it comes to alcohol consumption, there are a lot of risks. Low alco-

hol consumption can impair a person’s judgement and coordination, according to a Wellness Center pamphlet. Low to moderate doses of alcohol can increase aggression. Moderate to high doses can cause impairments to mental functions and alter a person’s ability to remember information and learn. Very high doses can cause depression and even death, according to a Wellness Center pamphlet.

If you are a minor in possession, you can be fined up to \$5,000 and get up to a year in jail, according to a Wellness Center pamphlet. The same consequence is given if you give alcohol to someone under 21, purchase alcohol while under 21 or provide an ID to a minor that they can buy alcohol with.

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Editor: Nicholas Tucker

# Nov. 5 county general elections

AJ St. John  
Staff Reporter

The local elections affect the community along with the college. Noted on the ballot is timing. In order for your vote to count, it must be postmarked by the election date, Nov. 5, or placed in a drop box by 8 p.m. Ballot boxes are located around Ellensburg, with one in front of SURC. Even now, ASCWU is sponsoring registration up to election day, according to Mayor Bruce Tabb. Students can change their registration if they were already registered in a different district. Ballots can also be deposited on campus.

Mayor Tabb, who was elected by the city council, is currently in his third term as a city council member and mayor. Tabb mentions that as students that make up half of the Ellensburg population, students should vote. According to Tabb, many of the students, 70-75%, are from the west-side. Central Transit is one of the things that the city council has worked on in order to benefit the students and the community. Another issue that the city council has addressed is the Ellensburg housing situation. Tabb also addressed the affordable housing initiative that had passed. Because housing can charge premium prices on rent, the housing initiative was

implemented. According to Tabb, this year is when the money allocated will be distributed.

"We would love to see students engaged because they can shape the future of the community in which they currently live in, but also have an impact for those that come after them," Tabb said.

County Auditor Jerry Pettit said information on candidates and the measures on the ballots are available online and on the voter's pamphlet. If you don't vote, you allow others make the decision for you. According to Pettit, votes do matter and it is important that you do vote.

For students that have registered to vote, changing registration can be important to having a voice in the Ellensburg community, according to Tabb. Students in the past have signed a petition regarding the environment. By getting an initiative to pass about plastic bags, students were able to have an impact strictly by using their voice.

With the beginning of the school year, students are more occupied with academics and transitioning.



Photos courtesy of VOTEWA.gov

(Left) Kittitas County Commissioner Cory Wright is running for retainment against candidate Nancy Liliquist (right).

"I've been so busy and overwhelmed and politics has been the last thing on my mind," first year Anthony Kruger said.

According to Tabb, coming in as freshmen, students are most likely registered to vote where they are local. Tabb mentions that specifically, first year students will

spend a chunk of their time at CWU, so voting in Ellensburg should be important as those decisions affect the community. Decisions about transit and the environment, are issues that resonate the most with students, so it is important to vote for candidates that align with personal views.

Lizbeth Farias, a sophomore, said she cares about politics, but doesn't take the initiative to learn about it. She also said that she believes that her vote matters in her community and that she plans to register before elections and assist other students in voting.

"Get your ballots in before 8 o'clock or get them postmarked before 8 o'clock on election day," said Pettit.

## What You're Voting For

Candidates for the County Commissioner include Cory Wright, who prefers the Republican Party, and Nancy Liliquist, who prefers the Democratic Party. Positions for the Hospital District one, Commissioner, Position one, Position four, Ellensburg School District 401 Director, District 1, and city council positions six and seven are seats that have competition.

The advisory votes on the ballots and give feedback to government officials as they represent the opinions of the people regarding whether or not taxes are repealed or maintained.

## Proposed Amendment

The legislature proposed the Senate Joint Resolution 8200, which concerns legislative powers during times of emergency. The measure would add "catastrophic incidents" to the emergencies list, allowing for state and local government to take immediate action.

## Initiative Measure No. 976

The Initiative Measure No. 976 concerns motor vehicle fees, which will be based on the Kelley Blue Book value. The measure would remove certain taxes and fees. License tabs would reduce their fee to \$30.

## Referendum Measure No. 88

The Referendum Measure No. 88 mentions the Initiative No. 1000 that was approved which was petitioned. Initiative No. 1000 was regarding affirmative action, which allowed the state to remedy discrimination for certain groups. Referendum measure No. 88 would affect many minorities.

**Official Ballot**

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Precinct 023-18  
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**To vote:** Completely fill in the box next to your choice. Please use a black or blue ink pen when voting.

**Vote for only 1 in each race.** More than one vote in a race or measure is an overvote and no votes will be counted. You do not have to vote all races.

**Candidate not listed?** Mark the box next to the blank line and write in your choice.

**Change your mind?** Draw a line through the response area and candidate's name - you may then make another selection.

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**VOTING STARTS HERE:**

**State Measures**

**Referendum Measure**

**Referendum Measure No. 88**

The legislature passed Initiative Measure No. 1000 concerning affirmative action and remedying discrimination, and voters have filed a sufficient referendum petition on this act. Initiative 1000 would allow the state to remedy discrimination for certain groups and to implement affirmative action, without the use of quotas or preferential treatment (as defined), in public education, employment, and contracting. Should Initiative 1000 be:

☐ Approved  
☐ Rejected

**Initiative to the Legislature**

**Initiative Measure No. 976**

Initiative Measure No. 976 concerns motor vehicle taxes and fees. This measure would repeal, reduce, or remove authority to impose certain vehicle taxes and fees; limit annual motor-vehicle-license fees to \$30, except voter-approved charges; and base vehicle taxes on Kelly Blue Book value. Should this measure be enacted into law?

☐ Yes  
☐ No

**State Advisory Votes**

**Advisory Vote No. 20**  
Second Substitute House Bill 1087

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, an additional wage premium for long-term care services, costing an indeterminate amount in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be:

☐ Repealed  
☐ Maintained

**Advisory Vote No. 21**  
Engrossed Third Substitute House Bill 1324

The legislature extended, without a vote of the people, the business and occupation tax for extracting, manufacturing, and selling timber and timber-related products, costing \$21,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be:

☐ Repealed  
☐ Maintained

**Advisory Vote No. 22**  
Substitute House Bill 1652

The legislature increased, without a vote of the people, retail sales tax on architectural paint by adding an assessment to the purchase price, costing \$6,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be:

☐ Repealed  
☐ Maintained

**Advisory Vote No. 23**  
Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1873

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, a tax on the sale, use, consumption, handling, possession, and distribution of vapor products costing \$178,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be:

☐ Repealed  
☐ Maintained

**Advisory Vote No. 24**  
Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 2158

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, an additional service and other business and occupation tax for certain specified business activities, costing \$2,253,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be:

☐ Repealed  
☐ Maintained

**Advisory Vote No. 25**  
Substitute House Bill 2167

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, an additional business and occupation tax for certain specified financial institutions, costing \$1,036,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be:

☐ Repealed  
☐ Maintained

**Advisory Vote No. 26**  
Substitute Senate Bill 5581

The legislature expanded, without a vote of the people, application of the state tax code to certain remote sellers, marketplace facilitators, and others, costing \$1,051,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be:

☐ Repealed  
☐ Maintained

**Advisory Vote No. 27**  
Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5993

The legislature increased, without a vote of the people, taxes on petroleum products, costing \$2,760,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be:

☐ Repealed  
☐ Maintained

**Advisory Vote No. 28**  
Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5997

The legislature increased, without a vote of the people, sales and use taxes on certain nonresidents by limiting the exemption applicable to them, costing \$313,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be:

☐ Repealed  
☐ Maintained

**Advisory Vote No. 29**  
Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5998

The legislature increased, without a vote of the people, the real estate excise tax on certain sales of real property, costing \$1,747,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be:

☐ Repealed  
☐ Maintained

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**County Office**

**Kittitas County Commissioner District 1**

1 year unexpired term

☐ Cory Wright (Prefers Republican Party)  
☐ Nancy Liliquist (Prefers Democratic Party)

**Nonpartisan Offices**

**Hospital District Offices**

**Hospital District 1 Commissioner, Position 1**

☐ Liahna Armstrong  
☐ Terry Clark

**Hospital District 1 Commissioner, Position 2**

☐ Bob Davis

**Hospital District No. 1 Commissioner, Position 4**

4 year unexpired term

☐ Jon Ward  
☐ Roy Savoian

**School District Offices**

**Ellensburg School District 401 Director, District 1**

☐ Meg Ludlum  
☐ Mark Manning

**Ellensburg School District 401 Director, District 2**

☐ Dan Shissler

**Ellensburg School District 401 Director, Position 5 at large**

☐ Jennifer Hackett

**City Offices**

**City of Ellensburg Council, Position 4**

☐ Bruce Tabb

**Read Both Sides of the Ballot**

**Advisory Vote No. 30**  
Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6004

The legislature increased, without a vote of the people, the business and occupation tax on certain travel agents and tour operators, costing \$28,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be:

☐ Repealed  
☐ Maintained

**Advisory Vote No. 31**  
Engrossed Senate Bill 6016

The legislature increased, without a vote of the people, the business and occupation tax on certain international investment management services, costing \$367,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be:

☐ Repealed  
☐ Maintained

**Proposed Constitutional Amendment**

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 8200**

The legislature has proposed a constitutional amendment concerning legislative powers in times of emergency. This measure would add "catastrophic incidents" to the specified times of emergency that the legislature may take certain immediate actions to ensure continuity of state and local governmental operations. Should this constitutional amendment be:

☐ Approved  
☐ Rejected

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**Partisan Offices**

**Legislative District 13, State Representative, Position 2**

1 year unexpired term

☐ Alex Ybarra (Prefers Republican Party)  
☐ Steve Verhey (Prefers Democratic Party)



Editor: Nicholas Tucker

# NARCAN saving lives

Nicholas Tucker

News Editor

Between Oct. 17 and 18, Ellensburg police officers responded to two overdoses within 16 hours. In both cases, officers recognized that the overdoses were related to opioids and were able to provide emergency medical attention to the victims before transporting them to the Kittitas Valley Hospital for further treatment.

Kittitas County has been relatively lucky regarding the opioid crisis. According to the Kittitas County Public Health Department, Kittitas County has the fifth lowest rate of death due to drug overdoses in the state, tying with Whatcom and Chelan counties. According to Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue (KVFR) Deputy Chief Rich Elliot, this impacts the training focuses for first-responders.

“Opioids are not a primary issue in this community in terms of substance abuse or misuse,” Elliot said. “It is by far alcohol, which is by far the most dangerous, most damaging and deadly drug.”

However, Elliot also said that Kittitas County hasn’t been unaffected by the opioid crisis. National trends do apply here, with a noticeable increase in overdoses after 2012.

“Last year was a high for us for heroin and opioid use,” Elliot said. “We had 12 heroin overdoses in 2018, seven and more for the same person. So we actually had six different people overdose on heroin.”

While the number of overdoses happening in this community is relatively low, Kittitas County first-responders are equipping themselves to fight any emergencies of the opioid epidemic.

The two most recent cases make now five instances in 2019 where first-responders used NARCAN, an overdose-reversing drug that can be administered as a nasal spray. NARCAN can be bought at most pharmacies, often for under \$30 depending on insurance, and luckily the overdoses it works for include those caused by fentanyl.



Photo Illustration by Kyle Wilkinson/The Observer

Fentanyl is up to 50 times more potent than heroin and, until recently, was almost only seen in hospitals as a powerful pain reliever that was prescribed in severe circumstances. After 2013, though, it exploded onto the black market, with overdose deaths increasing by almost 47% from 2016 to 2017. Fentanyl is so dangerous that law enforcement and first responders often have to carry additional NARCAN for themselves in case they come into contact with stray traces of the powder.

Both Kittitas and Yakima counties have been deal-

ing with Fentanyl causing overdoses when cut into drugs like heroin and cocaine. It’s incredibly difficult to detect without sensitive testing kits, and visually appears almost identical to the white powder forms of many drugs.

According to Yakima County Coroner Jim Curtice, nine people have died from ingesting Fentanyl so far this year.

“I think they’ve been around, the synthetic pills, but I just think there was a bad batch that got into the area,” Curtice said.

## Career fair making connections

Matt Escamilla

Staff Reporter

Career Services helps prepare students for life after college. One of the ways they help students is by hosting the Fall Career, Internship and Grad School Fair, which took place on Oct. 23. Attending a career fair provides students the opportunity to network with potential employers.

CWU Career Services Director Vicki Sannuto wants students to not underestimate the value of face-to-face communication with employers.

“Even though you can go online and apply for jobs and the job markets really good right now, some employers really want to see the students,” Sannuto said.

According to Sannuto, students shouldn’t be concerned about being judged by their appearance. Sannuto said companies or recruiters want more than just the resume.

That’s why companies have moved to Skype or other video services when an in-person interview isn’t possible.

According to Sannuto, the number one thing employers look for is experience in positions they’re looking for. If you don’t have the experience, don’t let it stop you.

“Even if you don’t have experience, if they think that you have the right kind of attitude than they’re probably [going to] want to talk to you,” Sannuto said.

Students were required to sign in before attending the event. According to Sannuto, the turnout was really good. Last fall 450 people showed up and this year the fair got almost 200 more.

“I’m hoping that faculty are telling students to come out to more career [events] to get an early start you know at looking at internships or trying to figure out what kinds of jobs they want to get,” Sannuto said.

Freshman Noah Slade who’s a pre-veterinarian biological science major attended the event to look at possible internship opportunities, possibly during his sophomore year. Slade said he wouldn’t mind studying in France since he speaks a little French.

“Networking’s probably one of the biggest things in finding a job, but it’s also good for people that don’t know what they want to do to find different [ideas for] careers,” Slade said.

Andre Sinn, recruiter and detective for the Seattle Police Department said it’s probably the department’s 15th year coming to CWU.

“We love coming over to colleges that have criminal justice programs that’s always been a great venue for us and we have hired candidates from [CWU] over the years,” Sinn said.

Sinn also said the department has spoken to CWU’s criminal justice department



Meghan Rochelle/The Observer

The career fair, hosted by Career Services, aims to give students the opportunity to network with potential future employers.

and students directly.

“My partner had a visit scheduled to CWU I believe it was last year 2018, perhaps 2017,” Sinn said.

According to Sinn, having that open dialogue with students provides the opportunity for the students to understand why and how things are done within the criminal justice industry. Career Services sent out a survey to students who attended, according to Sannuto.

Career Services uses the information from the survey to see how they

can improve events in the future. Sannuto also said 65 organizations attended the career fair. CWU was also represented at the event, CWU provides students with internship and job opportunities. Sannuto said career fairs have been going on for over 20 years at CWU.

Michael Myers, a senior in sociology with a minor in marketing, said seeing Career Services put on events like this shows him that CWU wants students to succeed after graduation.



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# 301 makes changes for safety

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One of the safety features was to make sure that all the bartenders had Rohypnol test strips to test if someone had their drink drugged. Now, if anyone at the bar believes that their drink may have been messed with, the bartender can test it to make sure that no one has tampered with it.

Kellogg and Club 301 still recommend that no one leaves their drink unattended, but if someone did so on accident, they have a way to make sure that the drink is safe to consume. Club patrons are also encouraged to tell the staff if anyone has been making them uncomfortable. Then the staff will ad-



Photos by Meghan Rochelle/The Observer

Club 301 in downtown Ellensburg has made several changes in efforts to improve the safety of its customers.

equately handle the situation to make sure that everyone is safe.

Students have noticed the new changes right away. Patrick Randle, a CWU student who has been to Club 301 since the latest changes felt that Club 301 was a fun and safe bar.

"I feel like if anyone wanted to go to a bar, 301 would be a good bar to go to see what the bar life is about," Randle said.

Christian Hill-Sanders, another stu-

dent, felt that the bar was an excellent place to have fun.

"I always feel safe, and 301 is a great place to have a good time," Hill-Sanders said.

Kellogg is trying to create a safe environment at Club 301, where people can go on weekends and have a good time. Kellogg hopes that the new safety features will be an excellent start to accomplishing this task.

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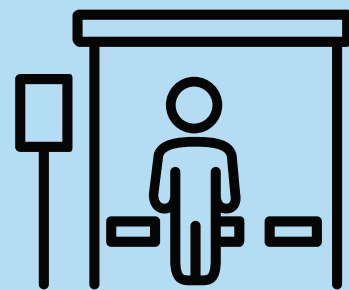
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Editor: Mary Park

# The crawling dead



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Jordan Ruhle, a CWU alum and community member, has fun painting blood onto his zombie baby. Some participants brought their own props and materials to build their dolls.



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Beyond the table of dolls, there are stations with zombie-making tools: scissors, hot glue and paint. This is enough for most students to make their zombie dreams reality, but according to Bieloh, some students have gotten more ambitious.

“We had blow torches involved one year,” Bieloh said. “You’d be shocked, they’ll dismember baby parts and bring in props.”

This year, no blow torches were involved, but some seasoned students did come with pre-prepared dolls or tools from home. Some modeled guts and tongues out of clay, others brains out of cotton balls. Some especially grotesque babies were created using pieces from multiple dolls. The phrase “I’m not using this arm if anyone wants it,” crossed the room multiple times before the event was over.

Bieloh is proud of the event he’s built, and he doesn’t see it changing much in the coming years. Attendance has only grown since it began, and as far as he’s concerned, there’s not a lot of innovating to do.

“Sometimes we think about adding a twist,” Bieloh said. “Like maybe this year we do zombie Barbie dolls, but we just haven’t gone there with it yet ... I’m happy with it and what it’s doing.”

After the competition the babies are displayed around Randall Hall and, according to Bieloh, only occasionally end up elsewhere on campus.



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# Remember the dead at Dia de los Muertos



Destiny Vaiolo (left) and Kim Nguyen (right) arrange the altar at the SURC Pit. Viewers can see sugar skulls, candles, marigold and favorite drinks and food for the deceased loved ones left on the altars.

## Pilar Cuevas

Staff Reporter

Questions have arisen from students as to what exactly is located at the SURC pit.

From decorative sugar skulls to grand altars, Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a time where people can commemorate deceased loved ones.

The Day of the Dead features a mixture of indigenous cultural rituals and Catholicism brought by Spanish conquistadors. If a person is Latinx, this day can be celebrated differently depending on where they are from.

On Nov. 2, Día de los Muertos will be celebrated in the SURC Ballroom from 6-11 p.m. A procession will follow at 5 p.m. at Dean Hall.

Performances featured at the event will be Los Faraones del Norte, Mariachi Del Centro and an Aztec Dance, which is a ceremonial dance to honor ancestral culture.

Daniel Cedeno, the president of Mari-

achi del Centro, talked about the importance of music to Día de los Muertos.

"There are different ways of showing the culture from the dance to the music," Cedeno said. "I think that by having a Mariachi, it can showcase remembering someone through the music."

Rozie Cardenas, a senior public services major, is the lead programmer for the event. Other team members who are helping at the event include those in charge of layout, decorations, the altar, publicity, food and entertainment.

"The goal behind what can be learned is for students of the Latinx community to feel a sense of belonging and a sense of cultural awareness," Cardenas said.

For Cardenas, the highlight of the event last year was the band of Los Faraones Del Norte.

"A lot of people enjoyed them, they really got the crowd moving," Cardenas said. "By inviting different performers, we were able to have variety and more

collaboration. And those who went to the event were exposed to [CWU] student clubs and involvement."

According to Cardenas, food options include rajitas (jalapeno and cheese tamales), tamales de pollo (chicken tamales), and tamales de puerco (pork tamales).

Appetizers will be chicharrones (flour chips), arroz con leche (rice pudding), pan de muertos (bread) and bunuelos (fried tortilla). Drinks include chocolate de abuelita (hot chocolate) and horchata (rice, sugar and cinnamon drink).

Games will be hosted at the event, including Día de los Muertos Loteria (a game of chance), skull drawing, Kahoot and more.

An important decorative and meaningful piece is the sugar skull or "calavera". According to the Day of the Dead website, the skull was a predominant symbol in indigenous culture. Today, it is used as an offering upon the altars.

"Ofrenda" or "altar" is a place where

a picture can be placed for the people who have passed away along with their favorite food or drink. In the SURC Pit, there lies an altar where anyone can put a picture of a deceased loved one.

Another piece within the SURC Pit is the Sand Tapestry. The tapestry was made by Fulgencio Lazo, a well-known artist from Oaxaca, Mexico. This piece was built of weaved colored sand poured into glass.

This event was introduced by CWU alumni who were also a part of the Diversity and Equity Center (DEC). Verónica Gómez-Vilchis, an assistant director for the DEC, said when she got involved with the event she expanded the grandeur of it.

Oftentimes Día de los Muertos is confused with Halloween. From a distance, these holidays may seem similar, but they have completely different purposes.

"I think it is important to acknowledge that Día de los Muertos isn't the same as Halloween. We want to be very careful to separate the two have different meanings and different purposes," Gómez-Vilchis said.

For Gómez-Vilchis, a highlight from last year was the Aztec dance.

"This dance allows a tradition to be exposed in an intentional and representative of who they are," Gómez-Vilchis said.

Both Gómez-Vilchis and Cedeno said the event is open to all, whether they are Hispanic or non-Hispanic.

"This event is for anyone," Cedeno said. "It doesn't matter if you are of Hispanic descent. You can enjoy music, food, culture and dance. Just by going you will understand why it is celebrated and why we try our best to remember those who have passed away."

Cardenas also said anyone can attend the event.

"I hope for everyone to have a good time, experience the culture and embrace life. We all can be united as a community and have a good time. And for those who are not a part of the Latinx community to get a sense of the Latinx Culture and learn and celebrate their lost loved ones," Cardenas said.

To volunteer for setup, students can register through the Center for Leadership and Community Engagement (CLCE) website. This event is sponsored by CWU Catering, CLCE, the CWU World Languages Department and more.



## Mary Park/The Observer

An altar for the dead, marigold and sand tapestry decorate the floor at the SURC Pit. On the Día de los Muertos, there will be marigold petals on the floor to lead the ancestors up to the ballroom where the celebration is held.



## Mary Park/The Observer

Pictures of loved ones who have passed are placed on the altar, decorated by the Diversity and Equity Center (DEC) event programmers. Some of the pictures are of CWU Alumni who have passed away.



# CWU FOOD INSPECTIONS

Every day, hundreds of people dine at CWU’s restaurants, convenience stores and coffee shops. Students, staff and faculty put their trust in CWU’s dining staff to make sure the food they raise to their mouths hasn’t been contaminated by dirty hands or unsanitized cooking and preparation stations.

“We haven’t had too many issues with CWU, quite honestly,” Schwab said. “And if we ever have, they’ve fixed what we needed them to fix.”

Food inspection records acquired from the Kittitas County Public Health Department (KCPH) show a general trend of improvement inside of campus dining facilities over the last four years. With the exception of a spike in 2017, the data shows CWU receiving less infractions per inspection each year.

In 2015, CWU received 8.2 infraction points per food inspection. As shown in the chart below, that number has been lowered to 2.4 points per infraction in 2019.

The data shows that a large portion, 35%, of the infractions originate from Holmes Dining Room. It is important to note that the Holmes Dining Room kitchens are considered high-risk because raw meat is being handled as well as fresh produce, and that Holmes, being the main dining hall, produces the majority of food on campus.

Schwab said they have never had to close a dining facility at CWU or revoke a contract. He said that, overall, CWU has always been compliant with KCPH expectations.

“We really stress that importance, because [CWU] serves a massive amount of people,” Schwab said.

Senior education major Matt Mihara has been eating at CWU’s facilities for the past six years. He said that in all those years, the service and food-quality has been generally good and consistent. Mihara hasn’t had any huge issues with Dining Services, but he has learned what to look out for and what to keep his distance from.

“Personally, I tend to stay away from some of the produce. There have been times where I have bitten into produce and it was rotten or had some other issue,” Mihara said.

Mihara praised the Dining Services employees for providing great service and being friendly and courteous.

Kittitas County Public Health Environmental Health Specialist Will Schwab said that the entire public health staff is trained to perform food inspections.

Schwab said the frequency at which a dining facility gets inspected depends on its risk level. He said the risk level of a facility is based off of the types of food operations being performed. The facilities that are considered high-risk are those that handle and cook raw foods, versus a lower-risk facility that may only be heating up pre-cooked food.

Schwab said that every dining facility in the county, regardless of risk level, will be inspected at least once a year. He said high-risk facilities receive at least two per year.

According to Schwab, KCPH may also perform non-routine inspections. He said they will send out an inspector for the opening of a new facility, in response to food-related complaints or after a change in ownership.

The health inspections operate on a point-based system. According to Schwab, each facility, upon inspection, begins with zero points. With each infraction, points are added to the total score. Schwab said a perfect inspection results in a total of zero points.

Infractions are separated by blue and red points. The blue infractions are considered low-risk and include things such as food temperature control, labeling, proper use and storage of cooking utensils and protection from contamination. Red infractions are high-risk things such as employee health, hand contamination, protection from cross contamination and toxic chemicals. Schwab said that after a certain number of red infractions, the facility will earn a follow-up inspection.

If a facility requires a follow-up, their point count is reset. However, the inspector will be looking specifically for repeat red infractions to be sure that corrective action has been taken.

Schwab said that the most common infractions he observes are missing food handler cards, food not kept hot or cold enough and improper cleaning of utensils and cross contamination.

Junior Evin Rodgers has been set up with a meal plan since his freshman year. He said that he has grown to appreciate the level of professionalism in CWU’s kitchens.

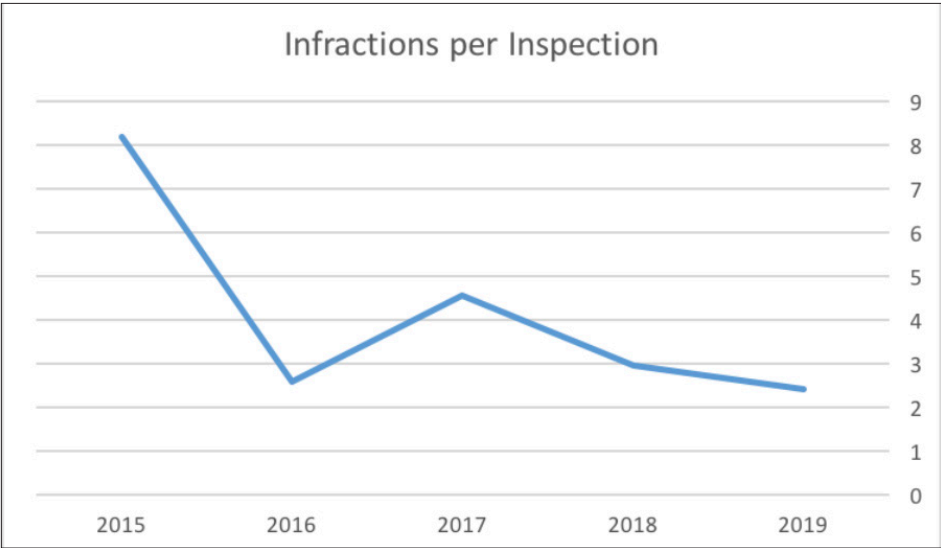
“I feel more comfortable eating food made [at CWU] than some of the restaurants here in town,” Rodgers said.

Rodgers said he had heard of a few less-than-appetizing things coming from CWU’s kitchens, but nothing that has him too worried. He said that a lot of the stories he hears have to do with the salad bars.

KCPH Supervisor Candi Blackford said CWU has a contract with public health in relation to health inspections. She said she couldn’t give any specific details about said contract, only that it requires every CWU dining facility be inspected once per quarter.

The contract, obtained from a public records request, states that CWU will pay Public Health \$170 per hour for inspection services, but that the total amount paid to KCPH will not exceed \$5,000 during the period of the agreement. In exchange for this hourly rate, KCPH provides quarterly food inspections as well as food handler training to newly hired Dining Services employees.

KCPH provides online access to food inspection records for every dining establishment in the county, however, none of CWU’s records can be found on the website. Masuccio, along with Schwab and Blackford, had no insight regarding why these records aren’t readily available.







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“I don’t know why that would be, we have nothing to hide,” Masuccio said.

The public health department’s Health Promotion Supervisor, Kasey Knutson, said that while she didn’t have a concrete answer to why the records weren’t released online, she was confident that it has something to do with CWU’s status as a state-funded entity. She said this would be the case with any state-entity.

According to Dining Services Director Dean Masuccio, CWU Dining drafted an updated contract with public health which went into effect July 1.

Masuccio said the new contract serves multiple purposes. It acts as a food establishment permit, which KCPH normally charges independent dining facilities for. It also allows CWU Dining Services and KCPH to work closely together in order to improve training and meet food-health standards. Masuccio said they have been working with KCPH on the pre-design for the new Dugmore Hall dining facility, making sure the new facility has proper hand-washing and food-storage equipment.

Masuccio joined CWU’s dining staff in September 2018. He said while he can’t really speak on CWU’s track record in regards to food safety in the last few years, food safety is a top priority for him.

“Food production is very intimate,” Masuccio said. “We’re producing food that people put into their mouths, so we have to be very cautious.”

Masuccio said he is pleased that CWU has been meeting food-safety expectations, but he’s not content. He said CWU Dining Services is always trying to improve and find ways to take things to the next level.

“Our goal would be to be the cleanest and safest food establishment in the county,” Masuccio said.



According to Masuccio, Dining Services and KCPH have been working together to devise an updated food safety plan. He said the plan to elevate food safety is still in the early stages of development, but they continue to work with public health to make improvements.

Masuccio said further improvements to food safety came with the hiring of Campus Executive Chef Joe Ritchie. Ritchie was brought on in mid-January of 2019. According to Masuccio, the executive chef position is being re-imagined with a focus on food health and safety.

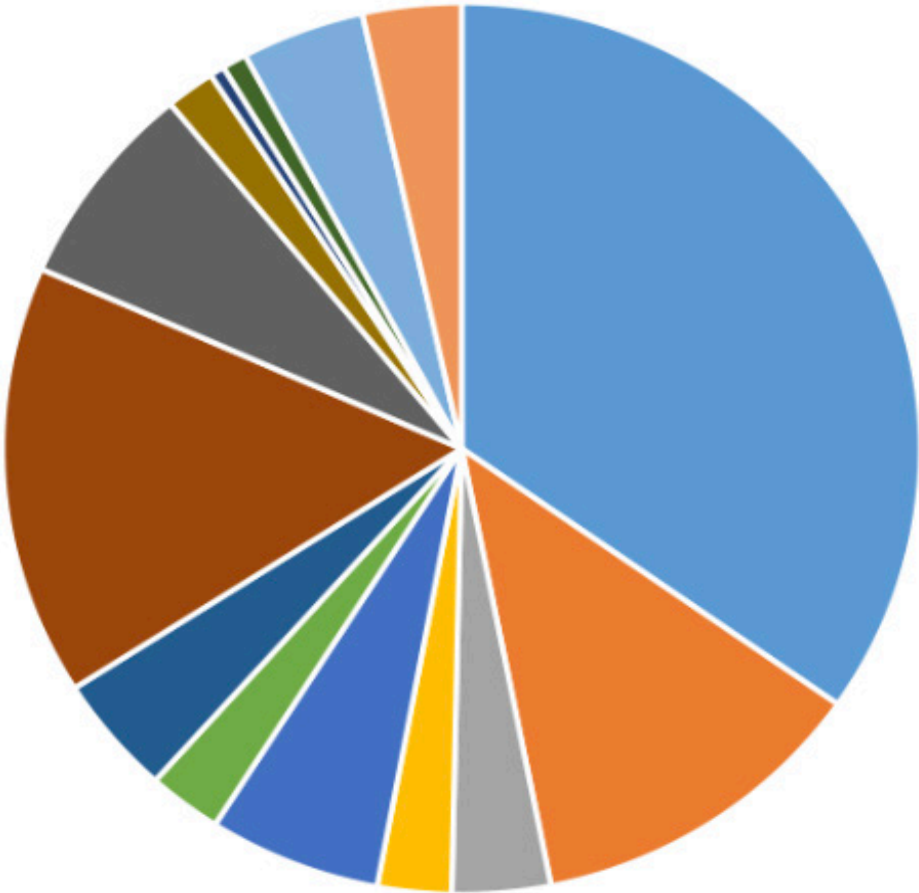
“A lot of trust is placed on us, that we’re not going to get people sick,” Ritchie said.

Ritchie said that part of what dining is doing to improve the food safety program is a new training manual for staff. The manual covers things such as food handling and kitchen cleanliness. He said the new manual went into effect this summer, and all new staff will be required to go through the manual page by page with their supervisor in order to begin working.

Ritchie said food safety training has always been conducted with new staff, however, it had previously been informal. He said that recently they have felt the need to have a more formal method of training, which led to the creation of the food safety manual back in April of this year.

“The difference between a good inspection and a bad inspection can be really small mistakes,” Ritchie said. “So it’s a matter of keeping a really close eye on things.”

Infractions by Location



■ Holmes Diningroom	■ Central Marketplace	■ Bistro 1981	■ Tunstall Commons Dining Hall
■ North Village Cafe & C-Store	■ JIMMY B'S	■ CWU FoodTrailer	■ CWU Food Truck
■ Coach's Coffee House	■ Cat Trax West Espresso/Cat's C-Store	■ Catering Kitchen, SURC	■ Cat's Convenience Store
■ BreezeThruCafe	■ Cat Trax East Espresso & Smoothie		



Editor: Mary Park

# ‘We’re on a level playing field’

Mary Park  
*Scene Editor*

More than 10 chairs and tables were pulled close together for the Deaf Coffee Chat held on Oct. 11 at Starbucks on East University Way.

Everyone sat around the island of tables in a circle and chatted about school, family and friends and things happening in the community. When a new person joins in, the group greets them with a smile and a wave.

Making eye contact and facial expressions are crucial as most of the individuals use American Sign Language (ASL) to communicate.

According to the Deaf Coffee website, Deaf Coffee Chats are social events for the Deaf community that take place in a public space such as a coffee shop, mall food court or bookstore in various locations throughout the U.S.

The chats in Yakima and Ellensburg are hosted by the Yakima Valley Association for the Deaf (YVAD). Students from CWU and Yakima Valley College (YVC) attend to support it and to spend time with other students and community members.

On the second Friday of each month, a chat is held in Ellensburg and on other Fridays, they are held in various Starbucks in Yakima.

Sofia Rabadan, a third-year student majoring in deaf studies and Spanish, said as a hearing person, she enjoys taking part in the Deaf community because it reminds her of her own culture.

“I come from Hispanic culture and it’s very family-oriented and just seeing people I know makes me happy,” Rabadan said. “Just coming together and catching up.”

Rabadan, who has been involved with the ASL Club for three years, said she doesn’t consider deafness to be a disability and that deaf people are capable of doing as much as a hearing person.

“Maybe they might have some setbacks but don’t we all have setbacks, that’s the way I look at it,” Rabadan said. “It’s all about learning [and] I’m still learning.”

Rabadan said that one thing she would like to see improved is the service to deaf individuals in restaurants, who may take some more time to order as they write it down or type it on the phone.

“A lot of waiters and waitresses get frustrated and I understand, I worked as a waitress too,” Rabadan said. “But if you take the time as much as you take time for a hearing person, that’ll make their day so much better.”

Cheryl Jones, secretary at YVAD, was born deaf and uses a hearing aid.



**Mary Park/The Observer**  
*On Oct. 25, community members from Yakima and Ellensburg and CWU students gathered at a local Starbucks in Yakima for a Deaf Coffee Chat. The chats are hosted by Yakima Valley Association of the Deaf (YVAD) and fall on every Friday at a local Starbucks.*

Jones shared about experiencing discrimination because of deafness, at a chat on Oct. 18.

“I played different instruments and people in the music industry say you can’t do that because you’re deaf,” Jones said. “They look at me and they judge me and think that I can’t do certain things ... I don’t know how other people feel about it, but that’s my personal situation.”

YVAD Vice President Ruth Cyr said that in the past, people weren’t very interested and that they made fun of deaf people.

“They’d go ‘ugh, you’re deaf,’ that was horrible for me, and it really injured us as deaf people,” Cyr said. “Hearing people thought the deaf people were dumb, no, no, no, we’re deaf, we’re not dumb. We can drive. We can read... We can do the same thing, we’re on a level playing field.”

Cyr also mentioned that she wants to have partnerships with hearing people.

“I want them to join us and understand, I want to understand hearing people too,” Cyr said. “I noticed that hearing people are interested to be around deaf people, interested in ASL, I am so impressed by that.”

Anyone who is curious about the Deaf community can take ASL classes at a local college or the deaf people in their community can teach them sign language, they just need to ask, Cyr said.

Taralynn Petrites, a Deaf professor

and advisor for the CWU ASL Program, said there is a high demand for qualified ASL interpreters in Washington, especially in the K-12 setting.

“I’ve noticed many schools, high schools and some colleges as well, where the ASL teachers don’t have a strong background in ASL,” Petrites said. “They might have minored in ASL, or they might have taken one or two ASL classes and move on to teach the course in high schools.”

Petrites said there are many benefits of learning ASL, whether a student wants to become an elementary school teacher or an emergency medical technician.

“I always explain [to students] that we need people in the community to work with us,” Petrites said.

Petrites said last year, she and Michael Johnson, chair of world languages and cultures department, put in a proposal for a major program for deaf studies. The proposal is currently pending approval at the faculty senate.

According to Petrites, there is a difference in the labels people who are deaf or hard of hearing use to identify themselves.

The term “Hard of Hearing” refers to the medical condition and the range of hearing loss a person has. They may or may not know ASL or be able to speak.

“Big D” deaf is a reference to Deaf culture. People who use “Deaf” to identify themselves cherish and support the

Deaf community.

“Small d” deaf also typically refers to the medical perspective of deafness. Individuals who identify “deaf” may be part of the Deaf community, but it’s possible that they became deaf or learned ASL later in life.

Hearing-impaired is a term that many deaf people find offensive because it focuses on what people can’t do and implies substandard or damaged.

Petrites said there is no wrong or right choice, the community is very diverse so it’s a personal choice for each unique individual.

Maya Solmiren, a senior in elementary education and president of CWU ASL Club, said she came to CWU for her education degree as well as for the ASL classes offered here.

Solmiren said she was surprised to learn that “deafness is so much more than the inability to hear but it’s an entirely independent cultural identity.”

Ashley Helmold, elementary education major and ASL minor, said learning ASL was scary at first but became more enjoyable as she got the hang of it.

“What I knew about the deaf people before was that it’s just a medical condition,” Helmold said. “But once I got to know the culture more, I realized that it’s an actual community and group that has something to say and has a voice.”

# Go all out at Geek Out Game Out

Tapanga Krause  
*Staff Reporter*

On Nov. 5 in the Wellington Event Center (WEC), Campus Activities will be having their annual Geek Out, Game Out event. From 8-10 p.m. you can play board games such as Jenga, Betrayal: House on the Hill and Monopoly, as well as video games like “Super Smash Bros.” and “Modern Warfare.”

According to Ronnie Hindman the main goal for this event is to bring together the gaming community or anyone interested in the culture. It allows people to relax and have fun playing video games as well as gives them the oppor-

tunity to meet new people and broaden their connections.

Ronnie Hindman, one of the student programmers at Campus Activities, said that Campus Activities is usually the sole organizers for this event, but they always try to reach out to other clubs.

“We try and reach out to clubs, but we might not always have the time,” Hindman said. “Clubs are always welcome to reach out to campus activities and collaborate with us for Geek Out, Game Out events.”

Campus Activities tries to put the event on at least once or twice a quarter. When picking out games for each event they browse through the variety of games

that they have in storage and try to pick the ones that they feel are going to be the most played. As a video gamer himself, Hindman tries to pick out the games that he knows that others would enjoy playing.

“[Super Smash Bros. and Modern Warfare] tend to draw really big crowds,” Hindman said.

When asked what some of his favorite games are Hindman mentioned Dominion, a deck building card game where players use the cards in their hands to either perform an action or buy a card from the common pool of cards. Hindman also named Betrayal at House on the Hill, a board game where players can build and explore their own haunted house.

Hindman said that they are his favorite games because of the experiences that it presents you with. “Fallout: New Vegas” is a post-apocalyptic spin-off of the Fallout series set in the year 2281. It takes place four years after the events of “Fallout 3.” “Fallout: New Vegas” is Hindman’s favorite videogame of all time because each game from the Fallout series is different.

“No matter how many times I play [the game],” Hindman said. “It’s a different experience every time, no two games are the same.”



Editor: TyYonna Kitchen

# The coolest ghoul in school

**Cassandra Hays**  
*Columnist*

Most students have heard the classic story of Lola, the ghost that haunts Kamola Hall.

Rumour has it that Lola was a student at CWU in the 1940s who lived in Kamola Hall, which was then an all-female dorm. Most published accounts say that Lola's fiancé was drafted into the military and never returned home from WWII. Heartbroken, Lola hung herself from the rafters in the attic while wearing her wedding dress.

Many people are skeptical that Kamola is haunted. But according to some students, Lola is not shy about making her presence known. One student recalled their encounter with the spirit on the CWU subreddit.

"I think I saw her on the first floor once," the student said. "My first night after moving to Kamola. [I was] laying there trying to sleep when the refrigerator started humming super loud out of nowhere, so I opened my eyes and I saw some wispy smoke go by.

I thought the heater or something had caught fire so I jumped up and turned the lights on and saw that everything was normal."

Other students have echoed these experiences. One student said their friend, a resident of Kamola, saw the elevator open without being called. Another said they think they might have bumped into her in the bathroom. According to the Past and Present website, there have been several reports from students over the years of strange noises, cold gusts of wind and apparitions.

Former CWU photographer Rich Villacres told the Daily Record that he also had a personal encounter with Lola in 2002. He was doing a photoshoot in the Kamola attic, during which a woman was modeling a 1940s wedding dress. Villacres said that two out of the three rolls of film that he used to shoot that day came out completely black. He added that the one roll that did come out had foggy markings on it, and even a ghostly figure in the hallway that they were shooting in. Villacres said the odds of

two different rolls of film from two different manufacturers not developing are extremely slim. He also said that the photos he took outside of the building came out completely fine.

Another popular backstory about Lola's death claims that Lola was a CWU student who's real name is Lola Wintergrund. According to Wikimapia, she leapt to her death from an upper floor of either Coursan or Muzzall hall, across the street from Kamola. After the halls were demolished in 2007, Lola moved across the street to take permanent residence in Kamola. Skeptics have pointed out that this doesn't explain how Lola was spotted in Kamola before 2007.

While tales of Lola are well known across campus, there are still many who don't believe in Lola's existence at all. In 2003, The Observer interviewed alumnus Evan Sylvanus, who said that Lola was a character made up in 1982, used to promote a haunted house event in Kamola. Furthermore, nearly every story mentions that Kamola was an all-female dorm when Lola lived there. However, during World War II, the hall was used to house around 400 male U.S. Airforce cadets, and didn't return to being a women's dorm until after the war had ended. There is also no known record of a CWU student named Lola dying in Kamola during that time period.

So, the next time you swing by Kamola, give your friend Lola a wave.

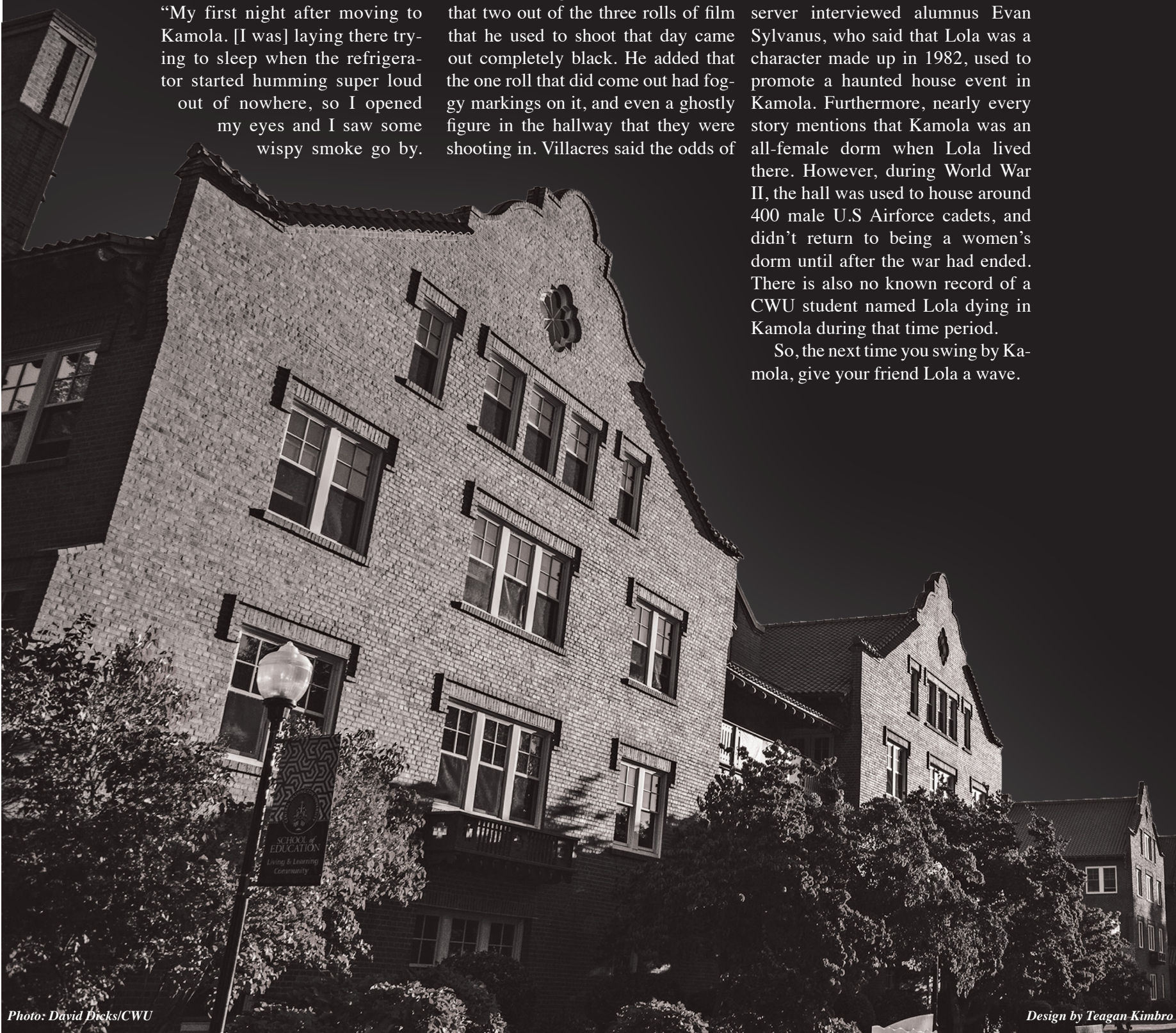


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# Seahawks: second half push

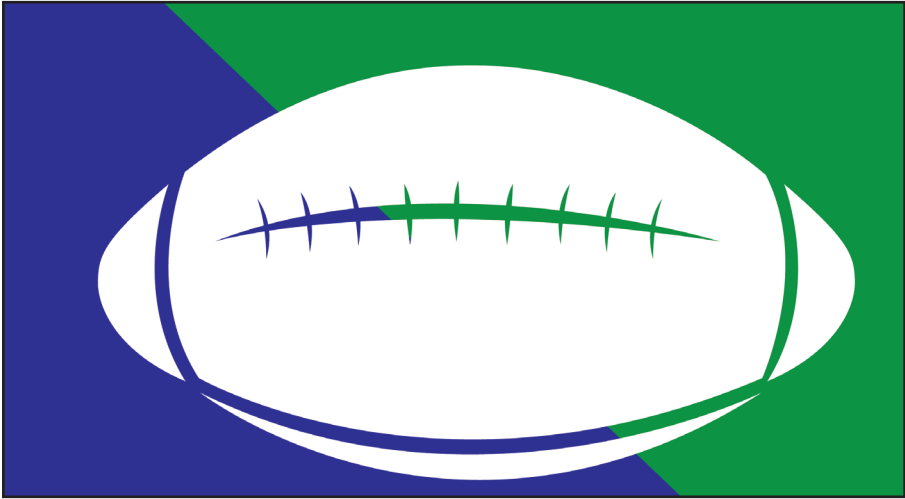
*This opinion was written before the game between the Seahawks and the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday, Oct. 27*

**Matt Escamilla**  
*Columnist*

The Seahawks are currently 5-2 heading into their latest matchup against the Atlanta Falcons. If they win, which they should, the Seahawks will be 6-2. Seahawk fans are used to the defense being the strength, while the offense does enough to win, and the team is no longer doing this.

Currently, the Seahawks need to get more sacks if they plan to not only make a second-half push, but become a Super Bowl contender as well. According to the NFL website, the Seahawks currently rank 26 in the league with 11 sacks. The Carolina Panthers rank first in the league with 27 sacks. No matter what style of football a team plays it always comes down to how the offensive and defensive lines play every week.

According to the NFL website, the Seahawks defense currently ranks 21 in the league in points given up per game, 25.1. They need to cut 5.1 points per game in the second half and playoffs. By doing so, they'll be taken seriously as a Super Bowl contender. I believe the defense will get to that goal in the second half. The defensive unit will be better in the second half of the season because the Seahawks young core finally knows what it's like to be relied on every week.



Graphic by Teagan Kimbro

Jarran Reed returned last week against the Baltimore Ravens after serving a six-game suspension. Having Reed back on the field is another reason for optimism.

After seven games, the offense ranks nine in the league in points scored with an average of 25.9 points per game.

The Seahawks have an offense at 25.9 and a defense at 25.1. I understand the value of playing close games, however, having too many of those games when it comes down to the fourth quarter would make anyone who follows the NFL, question just how good a team is.

In the final nine games of the year, the Seahawks need to show they can win by 10 or more points every now and then. In doing so, they prove to not only the league but themselves that they are to be taken seriously.

**Players who need to step up in the second half of the season**

Rashaad Penny only has 98 yards rushing this season, according to the Seahawks website. Russell Wilson has 178 yards rushing this season. Penny needs to be the first-round pick. Penny needs to become lightning to Chris Carson's thunder. If Penny can't, the Seahawks will not only be in trouble

but they should look at the possibility of moving on from Penny in the off-season. The team needs a reliable backup with upside, not another C.J. Prosise who the Seahawks don't know if he's able to play or not until gameday.

D.K. Metcalf might be a surprise to some because he has played well for a rookie. That's just it though, fans and the team can no longer view Metcalf as a rookie especially after losing tight end Will Dissly for the year to another Achilles injury. Metcalf has 389 yards receiving through seven games, according to the Seahawks website, which is second on the team behind Tyler Lockett who has 515 yards receiving. I hope the Seahawks make a trade for a veteran wide receiver like A.J. Green from the Cincinnati Bengals before the tradeline passes on Oct. 29.

The entire defense has shown flashes of growth during the first half of the season. However, it's time for the unit to take things to another level. If they don't, the Seahawks will be a quality Playoffs team and not a legitimate Super Bowl contender.

The goal is to be 3-1 after every quarter of the season. If the Seahawks win against the Atlanta Falcons, they'll be 6-2 which puts them on schedule for a 12-4 record. A record like this should be good enough to make the playoffs.



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Editor: Nick Jahnke

# Playing smart soccer

**Samantha Cabeza***Staff Reporter*

CWU's Women's Soccer has succeeded in winning another Team Academic Award for the 2018-2019 season. The qualifications for this award is to keep a GPA of 3.0 or higher for the team as a whole. The team averaged a 3.38 cumulative GPA, making this the 10th time they have won the award. Almost one thousand teams won the award, including 652 women and 347 men.

Assistant coach Madison Kroger said the coaches are very proud of them, although they hold the team to a high academic standing.

"We have the expectation for excellence in the classroom," Kroger said.

Midfielder Sophia Keenan said she felt hyped about the winning the academic award, because it is important to perform well in the classroom and in everything you do.

Kroger said the athletic department has set up multiple resources for student athletes to better their study skills, complete study hour and receive tutoring. CWU has its Wildcat Academic Success Center (WASC) where players can achieve their academic and intellectual goals. WASC provides study hall, advising meetings and CWU Career Services referrals.

"It is tough to balance school and soccer, but if you are organized and

you communicate with your professors, coaches and captains ahead of time, you will save yourself a lot of stress," Keenan said.

Student athletes like Keenan are able to learn study skills by going to the WASC and attending study hall. There they are able to develop time management skills to balance their time with school and sports. When joining a sports team, students must sign a release form to agree to have their grades sent quarterly for evaluation. This allows coaches and athletic administration to check their GPA and see how the student athletes are doing academically. If athletes keep their GPA up while enrolled in a sport, they are able to continue to compete.

Assistant coach Kroger said that even though they travel so much, the women on the team do a great job managing their academic schedule with their soccer schedule. The women's soccer team has been on the road to locations such as Idaho and British Columbia playing against other schools, such as

Forward Mackinzie Packwood said that it was a challenging adjustment to learn how to balance school and soccer, but when she learned how to stay organized, she learned to like having the set schedule that balances the two.

CWU's women's soccer completed a successful 2018-2019 academic season.



Photos by Kyle Wilkinson/The Observer

Wildcat soccer currently has a record of 6-6-1 overall and 4-3-1 in conference for the 2019-20 season.

## Climbing club honors late CWU climber



Meghan Rochelle/The Observer

OPR is hosting "Cranksgiving" on Nov. 1. Students can register to compete in a bouldering tournament and Halloween costume competition.

**Aeryn Kauffman***Staff Reporter*

There is a scholarship available for students in the CWU Climbing Club, founded in memory of Matthew Trinkle, a CWU student who passed away during a climbing accident.

According to the Daily Record, Trinkle passed away in 2012. After going on a trip alone to Dragontail Peak in Chelan County, Washington, his body was found at the bottom of the summit. He was an active member of the CWU Climbing Club.

The Matthew Trinkle Memorial Scholarship was founded shortly after Trinkle's death. Trinkle's family and friends donated to support future climbing club members in their studies.

According to the CWU scholarship page, the scholarship is for CWU students who meet the following requirements: full time student of freshman or sophomore standing, active in the CWU Climbing Club, demonstrate financial need and be in good academic standing.

The scholarship award states an amount of \$500, but according to Director of Compliance and Liaison to the

CWU Retirement Association Catherine Scarlett in University Advancement, that is an approximate amount.

"It is an endowed scholarship, which means that the money's invested and then we are able to spend a certain portion of that every year to award to a student. So, the fund will exist in perpetuity," Scarlett said.

Scarlett said the amount varies every year. She said it could be anywhere from \$500 to \$1500. More than one student can be awarded the scholarship, as well. Like many scholarships, climbing club students can apply

through Scholarship Central.

The scholarship page emphasizes applicants should have a love for climbing and the outdoors, like Trinkle did. CWU Climbing Club President Emma Lemert said two main types of climbing the club focuses are bouldering and sport climbing.

"You climb to the top of a boulder the hardest way possible," Lemert said. "I don't know why we do it, but it's so much fun."

Bouldering means climbers will not ascend higher than 15-16 feet. Climbers use no equipment except special climbing shoes and a soft pad to land on top of if they fall. Bouldering can be practiced indoors or outdoors.

Sport climbing utilizes ropes, harnesses and pads because climbers go much higher. Sometimes, they will climb nearly 100 feet high. The climbing club does sport climbing indoors. They practice Mondays and Wednesdays, and they begin competing every February.

"We go on every weekend and travel around to different colleges ... in Washington, Idaho and Oregon. [They] all have a climbing wall like ours," Lemert said. "Anyone who has a passion for climbing and wants to be in the club should apply."

Even though his death was years ago, Lemert believes climbing club members should remember why the scholarship is there.

"I think they should know the history behind it when they apply," Lemert said. "It's definitely a little bit more meaningful than your average academic scholarship."



Editor: Nick Jahnke

# Basketball opens season with a win



Courtesy of CWU Athletic Communications

Wildcat basketball's win marked the first time a GNAC team came out on top over a Division I team since 2017. The last time this occurred was Nov. 23, 2017 when University of Alaska Anchorage beat out Santa Clara University in overtime.

**Austin Lane**  
Senior Sports Reporter

The CWU Men's Basketball team kicked off their 2019-2020 campaign with an exhibition win against the University of Idaho (UI) Vandals by a final score of 88-81. The game was a chance for the Wildcats to get on the court and face another team in a game setting without feeling the pressure of a regular season game that counts towards the final season record. It also gave head coach Brandon Rinta a chance to see how his team is gelling in the early stage of the season.

"I've been really impressed with the elevated level of communication and leadership out of our returners," Rinta said. "It's been a perfect combination of the energy of the new crew of guys coming in and together I think as a group they're excited about what they can do."

10 out of the 15 players on the team are transfers from other schools and less than half of the team are returning players from last season. The identity of the team is yet to be found, but the win over Idaho is a starting point.

"It takes some time to really put your thumb on what a team's identity is going to be. I know what it's been so far, they've had great energy, they've had great focus and we seem to take pride on the defensive end," Rinta said. "I hope that's a sign of things to come and what our true identity is going to be."

For the preseason poll, CWU was

picked to finish sixth in the GNAC, after finishing tenth in conference last year. Western Washington was picked to finish first, then in order from second to fifth in the poll is Seattle Pacific, Simon Fraser, Alaska Anchorage and Montana State Billings Universities.

Guard Gamaun Boykin won't let the preseason poll distract him or his teammates from what actually matters. In fact, it's only going to give the team more motivation.

"At the end of the day that's gonna make us work harder," Boykin said. "We know what we're capable of and where we want to be at the end of the season."

As a team the Wildcats shot 12-for-22 from three, which Rinta said was "a big part of the game of basketball" and that any time the team shoots well from the perimeter they will be in a position to win.

One of the goals the Wildcats couldn't meet was winning the rebounding battle. Idaho out-rebounded CWU 38-33 in the ball game. The Wildcats added size to the team in the offseason, which Rinta said was one of the things that needed improvement. However, the expectations of Idaho's rebounding abilities were exceeded.

"They were a better rebounding team than I expected," Rinta said. "Not that we couldn't have, but we didn't quite reach that goal."

Guard Davon Bolton had a good night on the court against Idaho, shooting 7-for-12 for a team-leading 20 points. Bolton also shot 6-for-8 from three. Xavier Smith

finished with 16 points, two assists and five rebounds. Boykin had 13 points on the night to go along with four assists and three rebounds. Tariq Woody had eight points, three assists and three rebounds and Matt Poquette rounded out the starting lineup with four points, one assist and one rebound.

"We had a few too many turnovers ... but it was a good first showing for us, we came out and followed the game plan and got the win," Poquette said.

Poquette also talked about the chemistry on the team. He believes the team is all on the same page as they get ready for the

regular season to begin.

"I think everyone has bought in on what coach has laid out for us to do so there's no problems on that end, everything was good," Poquette said.

The Wildcats officially begin their 2019 campaign on Nov. 8, when they take on California State University Monterey Bay. The game is part of a tournament CWU is hosting, the CWU West Region Crossover. The next night the Wildcats will take on California State University San Bernardino. Both games are in the Nicholson Pavilion.



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Editor: Nick Jahnke

# Football contends for top GNAC spot

Austin Lane  
Senior Sports Reporter

Wildcat football entered Saturday night looking to continue their winning streak and left Tomlinson Stadium with their biggest win of the season. After a big 56-yard touchdown run by Michael Roots on the opening drive, the Wildcats never looked back, defeating Simon Fraser University (SFU) by a final score of 62-10.

The win moved CWU's conference record to 4-1 on the season, still tied with Western Oregon University for the top spot in the GNAC. Head coach Chris Fisk thought the team played a "complete four quarters" in the win and was glad with the way the team executed.

"It really felt like we played a complete game," Fisk said. "The guys played really well."

The Wildcats offense fired on all cylinders, with Michael Roots running for three touchdowns and Christian Moore passing for four touchdowns and no interceptions. Taking care of the ball was an emphasis in the game.

"Zero turnovers is the goal, the receivers made some great grabs tonight and took care of the ball," Moore said.

Roots tallied 221 yards on just 14 carries and surpassed 2,000 career yards at CWU. Roots continued to praise the offensive line for his big performances this season.

"The o-line gave me amazing holes. Everything starts with them, I can't do

what I do without them," Roots said. "I put it all on those guys for creating holes for me and getting me a lane to run in ... my yards are their yards."

CWU finished with 573 yards on offense, 25 first downs and also scored at least 14 points every quarter. However, it wasn't just the offense that performed well. On defense, the Wildcats held SFU to just 158 yards. Also, SFU was 1-for-18 on third down conversions.

SFU wide receiver Rysen John, who leads the GNAC in receiving yards per game, was held to just 27 receiving yards. Fisk praised the play of the defensive backs for containing one of the bigger threats on the SFU offense.

"I thought our corners Marcus Shimmelfennig and Isaiah Williams played lights out tonight," Fisk said. "Proud of those guys for how they stepped up tonight."

Another defensive player that made an impact on the field was Billy Greer. The Wildcat linebacker finished with eight total tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks.

"We're capable of executing at a really high level. As the coaches said, when we do that we play amazing," Greer said. "We have a lot of really good players who we expect to do well all the time ... we did our job today and it's always impressive."

Outside of the production from Roots and Moore, CWU scored two field goals off the foot of Patrick Hegarty, and added another six on a touchdown run by Eric



Kyle Wilkinson/The Observer  
Wildcat football will move on to battle Azusa Pacific University in Glendora, California next Saturday. They will be protecting their 4-1 GNAC record.

Wilkes en route to 62 points, the highest score for the team so far this season.

CWU travels to Glendora, California this week to take on Azusa Pacific in their second-to-last GNAC game this season. The Wildcats took it to Azusa the last time the two teams met this season, winning 44-6.

"[CWU] football history goes back a long ways. There's a lot of really good players and coaches that have been here before we have and it's our mission and our goal to make sure we uphold that standard that people set here a long time ago," Fisk said. "We try to focus not on who we play but how we play."





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# HYPE

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**22nd Annual Giving Tree & Stocking Stuffer**  
Fulfill a donation request for individuals who deserve more for the holidays with the Giving Tree, or donate smaller gifts to the Stocking Stuffers gift bags. Gifts delivered 12/9.

**Register for Winter Classes**  
Registration has begun! Meet with your academic advisor and check your student account for holds before registering. Visit [cwu.edu/registrar](http://cwu.edu/registrar).

**Don't miss CWU's film tours and theatre productions!**  
On sale now at [cwu.edu/tickets](http://cwu.edu/tickets)  
"Stupid F##king Bird" a CWU Theatre Production  
"Warren Miller | Face of Winter"  
"Banff Mountain Film Festival"

**THURS. OCT. 31**  
**We're a Culture, Not a Costume**  
A reminder to be mindful of your Halloween costume as some can be offensive to people of that culture. Have fun, but don't perpetuate any stereotypes.

**Campus Activities Presents: Boo Central**  
5 p.m. • SURC Ballroom • Free  
Bring your little goblins and witches to Ellensburg's largest indoor trick-or-treating event of the season! Featuring Halloween-inspired games, face-painting, candy and more!

**Wellness Center Presents: Hocus Pocus**  
9:30 p.m.- ish • Nicholson Pavilion  
Join the Wellness Center and watch this classic film.

**FRI. NOV. 1**  
**Cranksgiving Bouldering Competition**  
4 p.m. • Climbing Wall  
\$25/\$30, \$35  
Get ready to climb in your best costume at this annual event. Prizes throughout the event for best climbers and costumes. All skill levels welcome!

**SAT. NOV. 2**  
**City: Stream Habitat Management**  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Meet in SURC Pit  
Remove invasive vegetation that has taken over a tree planting site established two years ago. Transportation and lunch provided. Sign up at [takeactioncwu.com](http://takeactioncwu.com).

**Día de los Muertos/Day of the Dead**  
6 - 11 p.m. • SURC Ballroom • Free  
Celebrate the Latinx holiday Día de Los Muertos in which we honor the dead. There is a 5 p.m. procession starting in Dean Hall, and the event starts at 6 p.m. in the SURC Ballroom. Featuring free food, Aztec dance performances, crafts, and live performances by CWU Mariachi Del Centro.

### #CWUHYPE

# WORD JUMBLE: HALLOWEEN EDITION

1. SEMTUCO  
hint: Halloween attire

2. LOUGSH  
hint: evil spirits

3. KEOSTENL  
hint: made of 206 bones

4. ACDYN  
hint: given out on Halloween

5. MOSBORKCTI  
hint: witches ride these

6. ECRPAS  
hint: a friendly ghost

7. KUPIMNP  
hint: people carve these

8. SSKAM  
hint: these cover faces

9. SPTINOO  
hint: brewed by witches

10. AFISKNERTNEN  
hint: the scientist or the monster, you decide

1. Costume 2. Ghouls 3. Skeleton 4. Candy 5. Broomstick 6. Casper 7. Pumpkin 8. Masks 9. Potion 10. Frankenstein



## Ask Column

Dear Linus,

How do I summon the Great Pumpkin?

Sincerely,

Pumpkin Prowler

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Dear Pumpkin Prowler,

I haven't been asked about that for a long time. I thought people had forgotten. For far too long the public has ignored the presence of the Great Pumpkin and from what I've gathered, the reasons range from a lack of awareness to intentional ignorance. For those who don't know about the Great Pumpkin, let me take you back to a simpler time.

The Great Pumpkin is a being of unknown origin who, every Halloween night, flies around the world giving gifts to those with sincere belief. Children get toys, adults get loan forgiveness, etc. It is not Santa. It is so much more powerful and complicated than Santa. Santa is for children. The Great Pumpkin is for believers.

How and why the Great Pumpkin does this is unknown so far, but what is not unknown is how it got here.

In 1908 there was a seemingly random explosion in Siberia which flattened trees for miles. Scientists later decided that it was a random meteorite exploding in the air and called it the Tunguska Event, but this theory falls short when you remember that meteorites don't like the cold. Witnesses at the scene describe an orange object rising up from the explosion site. They said it had a stem which moved around as if searching for something before the object disappeared over the horizon. Russian scientists named it after a local legend: "la gran calabaza" or the Great Pumpkin.

The legends of this mysterious flying squash were passed down until fading from the public consciousness. I remember being taught about the Great Pumpkin in school, though records of this time period, including video, seem to have their audio (intentionally?) corrupted, with only a "wah wah" sound coming from our instructor's microphone feed.

When I tried to talk about the Great Pumpkin, I was increasingly met with ridicule. Even my best friend Charles only seemed to listen out of amusement. Eventually I became only able to discuss the Great Pumpkin in hushed circles of believers.

We have collectively decided that the world isn't ready for the Great Pumpkin's power. Some may use it for wealth, exploiting what seemingly isn't meant for us. Other believers even seem to think that the inverse is true, that the Great Pumpkin is the one who will decide whether or not we are ready, and that we are currently unworthy of even its judgement. Though you are still welcome to try, as I and many others around the world do, to bring him back just for a moment. Find a pumpkin patch, for these are its nests, and bring an object to present to it. I used to bring my blanket back in the day. If you have been sincere in your belief and if you have been chosen, it will appear for you. Remember what it says, if anything, and repeat it to nobody. There are three things I have learned never to discuss with people: religion, politics, and the Great Pumpkin.

Yours Truly,  
Linus